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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, James P. Romano, entitled Portable Credit Card and Check Verifying Apparatus, for a(n):

( ) Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional (X) Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior Application No. 09/689,128, filed on 10/12/2000.

( ) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

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Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 8 Total Pages.

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(X) Oath or Declaration:

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed.

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( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

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( ) Preliminary Amendment.

( ) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

( ) A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

(X) Status as a Small Entity is hereby claimed

( ) Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

(X) Other: Assignment and Assignment Transmittal letter, postcard

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